

It is stated that Mr. Cyril Platt (late of Messrs. Cline & Co.) has been appointed Private Secretary to H.R. the Governor. No official announcement has yet been published.

In reference to our report of the fire in Jubilee Street on Tuesday night, Messrs. Kruse & Co. inform us that the store was not insured with them for \$2,000, as stated, nor for any amount.

MR. RUDYARD KIPING has, it is said, now decided not to settle down in the United States. An American contemporary which announces the fact, adds:—"This is a glorious year for thanksgiving all round."

"What a horrid mistake, Mr. Jaunce, they made about your picture, 'Ready for the Ball,' when they catalogued it 'Ready for the Bath!'"

"There was no harm done. That was what I was going to call it at first myself!"

THE troopship *Tyns* arrived at Portsmouth on the 16th ult.,—after calling at Plymouth—from Halifax (N.S.), with the paid-off crews of the *Daphne*, *Hyacinth* and *Nymph*. The crews were brought from Vancouver overland by the Canadian Pacific Railway.

MR. VAN HORN, Chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has (according to the *London and China Express*) definitely confirmed the report of the company's intention to establish a fast line of Atlantic steamers, as well as to extend their Pacific service to Australia.

It is stated that by saturating a bullet with vaseline its flight may be easily followed with the eye from the time it leaves the muzzle of the rifle until it strikes the target. The course of the flight is marked by a beautiful ring of smoke, caused by the vaseline being ignited on leaving the muzzle of the gun.

THE record breaker *City of Paris*, remarks the New York *Martins Register*, evidently appreciates the fact that she is to come under the flag that is destined to be first on the ocean, and is therefore easily keeping ahead of all greyhounds. Her last record of fastest passage, fastest day run, and fastest hour run, is wonderful.

THE Post Office will be closed on Saturday the 24th, Monday the 26th, and Saturday the 31st inst. except from 8 to 9 a.m. Correspondence can be posted as on Sundays. Letters for the Peak and Kowloon may be posted up to 9 a.m. The Night Box will be kept open. The Money Order office will be entirely closed on these days.

A SOMEWHAT peculiar incident is stated by the *Bangkok Times* to have occurred during the outward trip of the *Mahakakshi*. A whale of ninety feet in length, as near as it could be judged, became foul of the ram, and, owing to the speed and the hook-like nature of the projection, remained a prisoner until the vessel was set adrift to effect its release.

LAST night's *China Mail* recorded the marriage of a lady 82 years old, but omitted to state who was the happy man—

"MARRIAGE.

"On the 16th November, at Niphoon Villa, Calford, S.E. (the residence of her son-in-law), Catherine Mary, relict of the late Capt. Wm. Punched, formerly of Hongkong, aged 82."

THE Secretary of the Funjion Mining Company advises us of the receipt of a telegram from Mr. Blamey as follows:—"A bad flood has destroyed main dam and all bridges. The roads are flooded. This will not interfere seriously with operations. The company will be glad to receive any advice you do consider it necessary to repair dam. Always sufficient water for milling purposes. Work continuing."

THE following appointments have been made in the Admiralty.—Lieut. A. F. Rawley to the *Victor Emanuel*, to date from November 15th. Sub-Lieut. H. F. Hopkinson (N.), and R. W. Kiddle, to the *Pigmy*, to do to November 17th. Staff Paymaster R. F. Moor, to the *Mercury*, in date November 17th. Sub-Lieutenant G. C. Quayle, to the *Imperieuse*, additional, to date November 16th.]

THE following is claimed to be a certain preventive of rust in gun barrels: Have a ring of zinc soldered on the barrel, on it is not convenient to do this, have a long strip of zinc soldered on of light underneath the barrel. The galvanic action which is excited between the zinc and the iron effectually prevents the oxidation of either metal, and as long as the zinc remains in contact with the iron not a particle of rust will appear on either the inside or outside of the barrel.

"CUTTING fire" is a known business experience. A French veneer-cutting firm have brought their machinery to such perfection that from a single stick, 30 in. long, they can cut a sheet of Ivory 150 in long and 20 in. wide. Some of the sheets of rosewood and mahogany are only about one-fifth of an inch in thickness, and sheets of boxwood, maple, and other woods of this character are often so thin as to be transparent. The grain of many varieties of wood, however, is not sufficiently close to enable such fine work as this to be done.

THE home papers give details of the injuries sustained by Her Majesty's battleship *Howe*. Two holes were found in the ship's bottom, one 18 ft. long by 12 in. wide, and the other of smaller dimensions. There is, moreover, a bulging inwards of the false bottom, extending from the keel to the centre and affecting the boilers. The coal and the smaller armament have been removed, and Admiral Fairfax is hopeful that the salvage operations will have a successful result. A naval correspondent writing from Ferrol, states that according to the contract entered into with the Admiralty, the Salvage Company are to receive £30,000 for floating and taking the *Howe* into dock, should their expenses not exceed £12,500. If their expenses exceed that amount they are to have £35,000, and are to be given six months in which to raise the ship. These terms are regarded as very favourable, the task being a much easier one than that of the *Sultan*.

THUS the *Sydney Bulletin*—Two more "Gents. one &c." have just been before New South Wales Banco Court for irregularities which in vulgar and "non-professional" life are called false pretences, theft, and embezzlement, and are met by shaming, hallooing, homily and stone-knapping. No. 1 received £127 for the purchase-money of a client's property, and banked it to his own account. When driven into a corner he shelled out £50 in notes and gave a worthless cheque for the balance. Upon the disclosure his attorney pleaded and obtained abatement of mind. Darley, C.J., with grief and pain, inflicted a fine of £20 and costs. No. 2 got £13,740 on pretence of obtaining probate to a will, and conscientiously blew every penny of it. The Court tearfully suspended him from practice for one year and until such further time as he be reformed the fool, with costs. In another case, in which a rule nisi was granted, a "conveyancer of this honorable Court" coolly appropriated to his own use £330, the value of drafts received from England for two female clients. By importunity they got £400 back, but the "conveyancer" was deaf as Sphynx to further solicitations. He knew the Judges would only look morosely at him for being found out.

THE first pipe-organ is said to have been made by Archimedes B. C. 220.

Tax Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. C. informs us that the Company's steamer *Mantle* left London for this port on the 17th inst.

Gotham Thief—What did Columbus do?
Gotham Thief—Why, de.
Mission Teacher—Why don't you say "the least of de?"
Gotham Thief (with dignity)—I ain't Anglermaniac.

The ruby is valued highest when it contains the least ruby. The largest ruby that history speaks of belonged to Elizabeth of Austria, the wife of Charles IX. It was almost as big as a hen's egg. The virtues attributed to rubies are to banish sadness, to repress luxury, and to drive away annoying thoughts. At the same time it symbolizes cruelty, anger and carnage, as well as boldness and bravery.

MAJOR WILLIAM HENRY POYNTEZ, late R.M.L., who died on October 21st at the age of fifty-four, served in the Royal Brigade in China from 1876 to the close of the war in 1886, and was present at the capture and occupation of Canton and operations in the North; medal and clasp. Also with the R.M. Battalion in Japan at the bombardment of Simonoseki batteries, and destruction of other batteries and stockades, 1894.

On the 8th inst., J. B. M. Connar Court, Bangkok, Mr. E. B. Mitchell on behalf of one Joe Wah, a Chinese sub-contractor on the first section of the Korat railway, moved for permission to sue Mr. G. Murray Campbell *in forma pauperis* for an alleged breach of contract. The plaintiff claims T.L. 13,000 for the balance due to him for earthworks, while, according to the defendant, he has been overpaid T.L. 600. The motion was set down for hearing on the 13th inst. Messrs. Tillen and V. Page were to oppose the application.

A SYDNEY contemporary says it is satisfactory to know that the stones sent to London from the New England emerald mine have been pronounced true emeralds by Streeter, who says their chief fault is their lightness of colour, but he has no doubt darker ones will be found at a greater depth. At one time such an opinion would have floated any gem-mine. Times have changed; moreover, the Burnish gem-mine which Streeter hoped to float in London last year has not made people's fortunes.

Old Gentleman, "Sir! What do you mean, sir, by embracing my daughter?"
Young Gentleman, "I only had her head on my shoulder. I saw her in the street to-day with a trailing dress on."
"Well, sir!"
"A trailing dress gathers up all the germs of disease which may happen to be on the pavement."
"What of that, sir?"
"She has another dress on now, and I presume that she removed the other in the usual way by raising it over her head."
"My hat has that to do with the matter, sir?"
"Your coat has been laid away in camp for all summer, and I was merely disinfecting her hair."

We regret to announce the rather sudden death of Mr. C. H. M. Bosman, of the firm of Messrs J. Whitall and Co., a gentleman who was well known to all connected with the Eastern Trade. The cause of death, was tumour of the brain and though trepanning was tried, Mr. Wroblewski being the operator, the difficulty was too great to overcome. He was born in St. Petersburg, Russia, and came to Hongkong for some fifteen years, subsequently returning to London, where he founded an Eastern Agency in 1873. He afterwards joined Mr. J. Whitall in 1885, with whom he was associated at the time of his death, which took place at the comparatively early age of fifty-three. He was known as a business man of very considerable attainments, and several schemes projected in the East had him for sponsor or adviser.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS.

	Inward.
<i>Helsinki</i>	steamer, from Saigon.
<i>Fookang</i>	" " Swatow.
<i>Sikhan</i>	" " Samangor.
<i>Pra Chom Kiao</i>	" " Bangkok.
<i>Freja</i>	" " Holhow.
Aggregating 5,474 tons, register.	

	Outward.
<i>Talyick</i>	steamer, for Nagasaki.
<i>Akure</i>	" " Holhow.
<i>Vereina</i>	" " Shanghai.
<i>Formosa</i>	" " Singapore.
<i>Choyong</i>	" " Swatow.
<i>Chingho</i>	" " Sydney.
<i>Hsinfung</i>	" " Shanghai.
Aggregating 7,564 tons, register.	

A REPRESENTATIVE of the firm of K. S. Popoff, well known in the trade in China teas in Russia, has conceived the idea of introducing the cultivation of the tea plant in Russia. With this object in view, *Russia Commercialia*, he has visited the Chinese provinces producing the better kinds of teas, and has closely studied the cultivation of the shrub and the processes connected with the drying and the preparation of the leaves. After an attentive examination of the Russian provinces presenting some prospects of success for the proposed cultivation, Mr. Popoff came to the conclusion that the district of Batoum was the most suitable spot by reason of the salubrity of the climate, and of the warmth and other conditions suitable to the regular growth of this plant. It is said that the work will shortly be commenced, and the workmen and Chinese foremen, who are thoroughly conversant with the processes to be adopted with the plant and the manner of preparing the leaves, will at once be engaged.

THE Editor of the Detroit Free Press did not pretend to handle the impossible.

"It is the place where you answer questions," said the girl, "as he entered the room and looked around."

"It is replied the gray-haired man to the clerk." "But you must first write out—the Oh, I know all about that!" put in the stranger. "I'll write it out and send it to the editor all right, if you're sure you can answer it. Now, why do girls always want to be married at high noon? Why isn't plain, everyday noon just as good? and what's the difference, any way?"

"If you'll wait your question out, plainly on one side of the paper."

"All right, all right. And while I'm about it, I suppose I might ask why a girl hasn't her dress made so that she has to hold it up to keep from dragging, when, if she'd have half an inch taken off behind she wouldn't have to?"

"I've told you, sir, that if you'll send your questions in."

"Certainly. I just wanted to make sure you could answer them if I did. Now, why is it that a woman will walk serenely along, holding her dress up about an inch or an inch and a half behind the skirt, while a fellow in the mad belief, and"

"On second thought, sir, you needn't wear those questions out," said the gray-haired man. "We don't pretend to do the impossible in this department."

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P. & O. S. N. Co's steamer, *Thibet*, left
 for this port at 4.30 p.m. to-day.
 Hobbs—The *Snail* was four hours late yesterday.
 Hobbs—The editor must have been writing a
 graph.
 HILLS Due to:
 German (*A. Agner*) 21st instant.
 German (*A. Beyer*) 22nd "
 Australian (*Hemmert*) 25th "
 American (*W. Hill*) 27th "
 American (*C. of Peking*) 28th "
 French (*Chalyard*) 28th "
 French (*Quenelin*) 30th "
 Bombay (*Bornida*) 5th proximo.
 DEALING with the Law of Newspaper Libel and
 to amend the existing law that has recently
 introduced into the Legislative Assembly
 Victoria, published in another part
 of this issue, our contemporary the *Sunday Sunday*
Times makes, *inter alia*, the following comments,
 which are worthy of consideration:—"The
 liberation of the Press in such an important
 step as this would prove no unimportant step
 toward the complete Federal Union that is the
 ultimate destiny of Australasia. We would
 venture, however, to point out to the sponsors of
 the Victorian Bill that they have omitted what
 should be considered to be two of the most essential
 amending clauses, viz., giving the defendant
 the power to be preliminarily apply for
 judgment for costs, and ordering upon the
 judge the power to order a criminal prosecution
 for conspiracy whenever it shall have been
 made evident to him, that the plaintiff and his
 solicitor have been acting in collusion with a
 view to extortion. It is safe to say that a very
 small, if not a preponderant, proportion of
 the libel cases brought against the newspapers
 are colored in the case of the despicable nature
 dictated. In such cases the plaintiff is, of
 course, but the cat's-paw of the speculative
 attorney."
 the Probate and Divorce division, on the 15th
 inst., before Sir F. Jeune, the suit of Parson v.
 Parson and Knight came on for hearing. Dr.
 Charles Trevor Parson, the petitioner, married
 the respondent on November 20th 1886, at the
 church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and he after-
 wards lived with her at Bloomsbury and in the
 county of Sussex, where he practised as a medical
 officer. In 1885 he obtained an appointment in
 the North Devonshire, his income being nearly
 £1,000 a year. While there the co-respondent, then
 living with Knight, came into connection with some
 engineering works, and the petitioner made his
 acquaintance, he being a frequent visitor to the
 house. Some of the visits, being made in the
 petitioner's absence, led to a remonstrance on
 the part of Mr. Parson, and on one occasion there
 was a scuffle between them. It was ascertained
 that he should return to this country, she representing
 that she was in bad health, and he took a passage
 for her. On board of the same ship it appeared
 that the co-respondent was a passenger, and at
 the time they lived together as man and wife.
 They were now in Singapore. It was stated
 while the petitioner, whose evidence had
 been taken on commission, held an appointment
 as Colonial Surgeon at the island of St. Vincent.
 The jury found for the petitioner, and assessed
 the damages at £1,000. Sir Francis Jeune granted a decree
 in costs, and on the application of Mr. Parson
 ordered the damages to be paid direct to Mr.
 Parson, he undertaking to pay the sum into the
 Registry upon its recovery.
 The *Bulletin des Soles* states that it has
 inspected a collection of silk stuffs of Korean
 manufacture, sent to France by the French
 representative at Seoul, which enables it to give
 an account of the silk-weaving industry in
 Korea. These stuffs, of very primitive manu-
 facture, are for the most part in an unbleached
 state; the dyed specimens are only of one coloration,
 the dying process being performed after weaving.
 They consist exclusively of tulles, of which certain
 examples exhibit great merit, gauzes and light
 shawls of sufficiently coarse texture. All
 the vases are plain; there is only a
 single figured specimen which, in this country
 is called *flower mountain*, and is a small
 vase at the places they also weave a gauze
 of brilliant red shade for handkerchiefs, and a silk
 of a very loose texture, and equally brilliant
 used for the making of ornaments, which are
 used at funerals, and upon which are inscribed
 in white the names and titles of the deceased.
 The silk gauzes used for the costumes of both
 sexes are known as *tsing tso tsing tso* and
tsing tso. They are manufactured in the
 provinces of Chien li, Ham Kyeng, and Ping-an,
 and also used for the making of costumes for
 the most part of both sexes. The manufacture is
 carried on in the districts of Yung-hung (province of
 Yuen-king) Yen-ping, Seng-cheng (province of
 Ping-an), in the province of Chung cheong, Chien
 li, Kiang-sang, King Ki, and in the districts of
 Kiang-nong-chun, Chai-woon, and Yi Chuan. These
 shawls bear the name of *myon fong and fan*
tsou. Silks of a better quality, damasks, figured
 tulles, used for the making of women's vests, and
 of bright colours such as yellow, red, and blue,
 and shawls and tulles of a more perfect manufac-
 ture are imported from Japan, and especially from
 China.
 AN American paper, the *St. Louis Republic*,
 states that the longest swim ever made without
 the aid of artificial help, such as life preservers
 or life belts, etc., was made in England by Samuel
 Brock, a Yarmouth bescheam, on the night of
 October 14th, 1835. On the afternoon of the
 14th Brock had noticed a ship at sea signaling for
 a pilot, and, in company with nine other seamen
 he started for the vessel in the yawl *Increase*. A
 pilot was then sent up alongside the ship, which
 was the *Spanish*, *San Agustin*, a Spanish ship
 bound for San Blas. A pilot and three beachmen
 were then sent aboard, and the *Increase* then
 which was twelve miles distant. At 6.30 o'clock
 when the nearest land was still six miles off,
 the small sunk the *Increase* and drowned all
 aboard except Brock. From the way that the
 vessel was beating off shore, it soon became
 evident to the man in the water that if he would
 it manage to reach the land alive he would have
 to swim about fifteen miles in a roundabout
 way. A swell sea drove him out toward the
 cross-ships ridge before the 9 o'clock bell tolled
 St. Nicholas gate, and it was long before Brock
 and a half later before the near exhausted
 swimmer caught sight of the bell and light-buoys
 themselves. It was now nearly midnight and
 Brock had been in the chilly water about five
 hours. Within the next hour he sighted a vessel
 and, by an almost superhuman effort, he
 managed to get within about 200 yards of the
 vessel, and he called the lookout. A boat was im-
 mediately lowered and the half-drowned man taken
 aboard. The vessel proved to be the *Belby*,
 of Sunderland, and she placed an anchor about
 fifteen and three-quarters miles from where the
Increase capsized. Thus it was proved that
 Brock had made the remarkable distance of
 nearly seventeen miles to seven and a half hours
 that chilly October night. This was a won-
 derful performance, but our contemporary forgets
 that Capt. Matthew Webb swam across the
 English Channel on the 24th and 25th August,
 1875, a distance of 45½ miles, at 21 hours, 44
 minutes and 55 seconds, after having, on July 3rd
 of the same year, swum from Rye to Dover, a
 distance of 18½ miles, in 14 hours, 55 minutes,
 and on July 17th from Dover to Ramsgate,
 a distance of 17 miles, in 8 hours, 45 minutes,

THE CITY HALL.

The annual meeting of shareholders in and subscribers to the City Hall was held to-day. Mr. H. L. Dalrymple presided, and there were also present Mr. M. H. Hopplius, Mr. R. Layton and Mr. H. L. Donny (Secretary).

The Chairman said:—With your permission, gentlemen, I will follow the usual course at the annual meeting of this institution and take the report and accounts, which have been in your hands some days, as read. There is not much calling for remark beyond what is conveyed in the report: the building is in a satisfactory state and various alterations and improvements have been carried on in the theatre during the year. As regards the accounts you will observe that we now have a sum of \$10,000 on deposit with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; the receipts from the Theatre and St. Andrew's Hall show a falling off of nearly \$2,000 net, which your committee are disposed to attribute in part to the pantomime given by the amateurs last winter which being announced considerably in advance no doubt, had a deterrent effect on the larger travelling companies, which would naturally not come here unless they could secure the use of the theatre continuously for some weeks at a time, and from whence source in the former year our funds derived an important element. As regards the accounts of previous years, however, our revenue shows favourably with expenditure. One item on the disbursement side of the account, for legal expense, may be set down as an extraordinary charge, so that taken as a whole the figures shown in the balance are not unsatisfactory. Your Committee has been approached lately by parties requesting the use of the building in part or as a whole, free or on reduced terms on the plea of the performances being in aid of charities, &c.; the Committee considered the charges in force to be moderate in comparison with rates of the East, and have as a rule not seen their way to accede to their requests when a case of personal charity has been brought before them, the committee has always met this particular case very liberally, but as the City Hall is an institution supported by private and voluntary subscriptions, in addition to the Government Grant, and therefore from that point of view one of the local charities, they do not consider that further reductions should be asked for, or conceded. It may be advanced by some that as we hold in hand a sum of \$10,000 we could spare to let out the theatre and hall on other terms, but I would point out that in the opinion of the committee this sum should be treated and maintained as a Reserve Fund, not too large to meet any unforeseen circumstances such, for instance, as the cost of extraordinary heavy repairs which might be incurred by reason of damage from typhoons &c. and I hope this view will be endorsed by the public. These gentlemen, are all the remarks which occur to me before asking you to adopt this report and accounts, I shall be glad to hear anything you may wish to say in connection therewith.

After the Chairman, the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hopplius, the report and accounts as published were adopted.

The proceedings then terminated.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The annual general meeting of the above Society was held in the City Hall to-day. Mr. Alford presided, and there were also present Mr. Fielding Clarke (President), Mrs. Burdon (Vice President), Mrs. G. D. Barker, Mrs. A. E. Geydon, Mrs. J. J. Kerwick (Committee) Mr. W. H. W. (Honorary Secretary), Mrs. W. H. W. (Honorary Secretary), Mrs. N. J. Ede, Mrs. Meadon, Mrs. Bondfield, Miss Anderson, Capt. G. C. Anderson, the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, the Rev. A. G. Goldsmith, and Mr. Granville Sharp.

The Chairman said:—Ladies and gentlemen, the Report of this Society which I now have the honour to present for your approval speaks for itself to all who peruse it—it tells of some 40 cases of distress relieved by this Society's exertions and as an impartial observer of its action I could say that all honour is due to those ladies who sacrifice much pleasure and time, and give no small care to the distribution of its liberality. The worthy ladies and gentlemen, in a place like Hongkong permits of perfunctory performance, for whilst there are many distressing cases which demand the sympathy and support of every human person there are as is well known many undeserving applicants unwilling to assist themselves but ever ready to live on the bounty of the generous. Such being the fact the public can realize that the ladies who form the Executive of this Society have no easy task. I may be taking things too far in connection therewith, but I should like to say a few words on the subject of undeserving applicants for relief. There are, I fear, many such known as beachcombers, and to my mind those in some cases they may be in want, these latter should be relegated to a casual ward at the gaol where they would not be too comfortable and whence unless willing to work they should be committed for punishment as vagrants. Every Colony of this kind is owing to its stream of shipping subject to annoyance from loafers such as I describe; they drift round the world at the expense of the nation, and must learn that here we do not tolerate them. Badly fed and perished men, there are ample clanks of undeserved distress and it is for such that we appeal to the public, but I am glad to see from the accounts now submitted have subscribed \$2800 odd in 1892, against \$1300 in 1891, a satisfactory increase, but one which might still be augmented were many a wasted dollar saved for this good cause. I will not further detain you, but with pleasure move that the report and accounts now submitted be adopted and passed.

After the Chairman had read the report and briefly touched on the accounts, he proposed that they be adopted and passed.

Captain Anderson second the motion, which was carried.

In proposing the re-election of the committee Mr. Goldsmith spoke in warm terms of praise of their work.

Mr. Sharp, in seconding, spoke to the same effect. The motion was carried.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies of the committee, Messrs. Bondfield, Goldsmith and Sharp, and Miss May of their kind words.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

INTERESTING MANILA LOTTERY CASE.

THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SWIM.

—At the Police Court this morning a Chinaman was brought before Mr. Hastings to answer to the charge of "unlawfully dealing in Manila lottery tickets in a public street" yesterday. He was, it appears from the evidence of a police officer, caught red-handed and fined on what may be termed "sight." The evidence is as follows:—

Han Hing, P.C. 137, said—At 1.15 p.m. yesterday he was outside Messrs. Powell & Co.'s store in Queen's Road Central. At this time he was in plain clothes and on duty. He saw the defendant standing by him and heard him selling Chinese

and Portuguese 60 cents for a "slip" of a ticket. A Portuguese handed the defendant two dollars' notes and received from him in exchange several portions of Manila lottery tickets. The witness arrested the defendant, who had a roll of the tickets in his hand. At the Central Station the defendant was searched and \$10.45 and two "slips" of tickets were found on his person. A Manila Lottery Price List was also found on the man's person. All the tickets and portions of tickets seized were for the December drawing (to-day) and were numbered:—

29,139	39,747	35,188
29,140	38,614	6,808

The two latter portions of tickets' numbers 35,188 and 6,808 were found in the defendant's purse. The Portuguese buyer took to his heels as soon as he saw the arrest of the defendant and fled.

For the defence Fong Seng, a grocer from Canton, said he was out walking with the defendant yesterday and knew nothing about the affair—so how could it be his friend who had broken the law?

In his own defence the prisoner attested that he came down from Canton by the steamship *Hankow* with the last visitors and stopped outside Messrs. Powell & Co.'s shop to look at the gorgeous show through the window. Suddenly the detective and another man seized him and dragged him on the ground, and started searching his person. Defendant said he would not submit to such a gross indignity in the street but would, if necessary, allow the police to search him in the station. The tickets were for a friend and Chinese Kowloon to whom he was taking; they were arrested.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$25, w/h, t/a, alternative of two months' hard labour, and ordered that the tickets found in the man's hand should be confiscated, while two slips found in defendant's purse, should be returned to him. But the Government are the holders of the lottery tickets, and will not return them until they realise on them, and if they do what will be done with the money?

ANOTHER FIRE IN HONGKONG

It is not a little remarkable that the 17th Brigade had to turn out early this morning within twelve hours of the publication of the night's *Telegraph*, which said:—

"As usual at this season of the year the 17th Brigade has to turn out pretty often, and it is little to say that the fire was due to the fact that the Chinese are just now churning for Christmas Day (*i.e.* the Festival of the Winter Solstice), the battle-axe and horse-men will be on the way again some time to-night, or to-morrow. This strange fulfilment of our predictions may lead evil-thinking people to say that we had a hand in promoting the fire, that we are quite capable of doing such things, for a newspaper bent on giving O'Brien the lie and busting his box would not stop at arson, bigamy, murder, or even writing poetry."

We can state positively that we did not have anything to do with the fire last night, in spite of the fact that we predicted it, and that our editor has gone to Canton and the Office Goat was chained up in his stable. It looks suspicious, I admit, but this is a suspicious world. We cannot prove a different alibi, if required.

Punctually at 2.30 a.m., to-day, as announced, a fire broke out in a bake-house in East Street insured for \$800 with the Economic (Hongkong Assurance, Hutchinson & Co.). The building, two storeys, was fairly well filled with bread, cakes, and miscellaneous materials, probably not much under the amount of insurance. The blaze turned out promptly, having had plenty of practice lately, and put the fire out in about half an hour. Nobody was hurt, and the bread and cakes wet, may still be seen among the ruins, a little overbaked, but good enough for food.

(Space here for a boarding house or hotel advertisement.)

My clerk, informed by one of the Inspectors that the Chief Constable was in Scotland, didn't know this was a joke, requires a little effort to see it.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

CAPE RUMSEY ON COAST DEFENCE

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH.—

SIR,—I was rather disappointed to find no report in your paper of Capt. Rumsey's remarks on Coast Defence at the Volunteer meeting, which were intensely amusing. He advocated that the Hongkong Volunteers be put into steel launches and sent out to sea, on the approach of a hostile fleet, to bring early news of the enemy's position, the launches to be fitted with machine guns, to prevent the landing of troops by boat on the south shore. The mercantile firms, Capt. Rumsey thought, would willingly let their launches be fitted for this service, and there would be no need of land forces.

We went the other way round, since he first dreamed this wild dream, we have got lighthouse signal stations which vessel can pass unnoticed when coming to Hongkong, unless the weather be so thick and dark as to make launches utterly useless. Further, even if the cables were (as I fear) seems to be usual) broken or out of order, would be madness for launches to go out scouting, since there is not in the whole harbour a single launch which can steam half as fast as our launches. If the enemy were to reach the beach before despatch-launches I fancy the *Talook* tug, as a torpedo-catcher! What is the matter with the *Sudden Turk* as a submarine ram?

If war vessels were trying to land troops on the south shore, they would first bombard the villages and harbours until they had extinguished everything living—junks, launches, Volunteers, Regulars, and even the Tytam Tigress. Then they would land, say, at Aberdeen, and would be the most unpleasant thing in the world for the defenders to dislodge a few of the Peak boulder galls from the hillside, and send them rolling down to crush the invaders out of existence. The Artisan Arms would come in very handy, and so would the Tram Co.'s engines and bolters. But the Volunteer Steam Launch fleet is a buff.

Yours, etc,
CIVILIAN.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1892.

LAW OF NEWSPAPER LIBEL.

THE VICTORIAN BILL.

The following is the full text of the Bill to amend the law of libel introduced a few weeks ago in the Legislative Assembly of Victoria by Mr. Best and Mr. Isaacs:—

1.—This Act may be cited as the Law of Libel Amendment Act, 1892.

2.—The construction of this Act, the words "newspaper" shall have the same meaning as in the Printers and Newspaper Act, 1890.

3.—A fair and accurate report published in any newspaper of the proceedings of a public meeting or (except where neither the public nor any newspaper reporter is admitted) of an meeting of a municipal council, board of education, or of a committee of management established under the authority formed or constituted under the provisions of any Act relating to the management of any public institution, shall be deemed to be true, and shall not be liable to be treated as libellous.

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THIS First-class FAMILY HOTEL is situated on the beach at KULANGSOO and has First-class Accommodation for Visitors. An EXCELLENT TABLE is kept, and WINES, SPIRITS, and MALT LIQUORS of the very best quality.

Terms Moderate.

R. HELLWIG,
Proprietor.

Amoy, 1st September, 1892.

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OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.

THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,350 feet above sea-level, having been leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL" is now open and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES.

The Rates for BOARD and LODGING during the Winter Months, from November 1st to March 31st, have been reduced as follows:—
One person, one month.....\$50.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month.....55.00
One person per day.....2.50
Married couple per day.....3.50
For full particulars apply to

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Hongkong, 25th October, 1892.

TRAVELLERS HOTEL.

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WINE AND SPIRITS OF THE BEST QUALITY ONLY. BEER ON DRAUGHT. MEALS ALL HOURS, FIRST CLASS BEDS. TERMS VERY MODERATE.

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1892.

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A Spacious BAR with LIQUORS of the best quality. DRAUGHT BEER A SPECIALTY. CHARGES MOST REASONABLE.
Hongkong, 10th December, 1892.

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MR. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Shik-ki-wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southward. Steam-launches can at any time come alongside the jetty adjoining the spacious lawn.
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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892.

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Every comfort is provided for Visitors, with an excellent Cuisine, and Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors of the best brands.
Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths. Large and well ventilated Dining, Billiard and Reading Rooms, and a well supplied Bar.
A small Daily is attached to the premises.
MRS. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS,
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The Bed-rooms are cool, airy, and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Room, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East. The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in expert executed hands.
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A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.
K. F. DO ROZARIO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 2nd September, 1892.

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Board and Lodging by the Day, one person.....\$ 3.00
Board and Lodging by the Day for Married Couples occupying one room.....4.50
Board and Lodging by the Month, one person.....60.00
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(CHILDREN BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT.)
Sitting-room by the Day.....\$ 2.50
Sitting-room by the Month.....30.00
Extra Bed-room by the Day.....2.00
Extra Bed-room by the Month.....20.00
Bed and Breakfast.....2.50
Breakfast.....0.75
Dinner.....1.50
European Servants by the Day.....1.50
European Servants by the Month.....20.00
Bedroom extra.....20.00
Chinese Servants by the Day.....0.15

TRAMWAY TICKETS will be supplied to RESIDENTS and VISITORS at the Hotel at reduced rates. For further Particulars apply at the Company's Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, or to R. ISHERWOOD, Manager, Mount Austin Hotel, Hongkong, 13th October, 1892.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1892.

CENTRAL HOTEL,
SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.
The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1892.
An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.
N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

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THE FINEST HOTEL IN THE EAST.

(Under the distinguished patronage of the Imperial Household.)
THIS fine hotel is situated within five minutes' drive of the terminus of the Yokohama-Tokyo Railway and is in near proximity to the Imperial Palace, the Parliament House and the Chief Public Offices.
There are no inside rooms, thus securing well lighted, ventilated and cheerful accommodations. The Cuisine cannot be surpassed; and the aim of the management is to provide for the comfort and pleasure of the guests. The attractions of Tokyo are countless, and the religious and floral festivals being of daily occurrence are to be seen at their best, and on a grander scale than in any other portion of Japan. All the noted actors, wrestlers and jugglers make the capital their headquarters.

RATES, \$5 TO \$4.50 PER DAY.

C. S. ARTHUR,
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No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD (lately occupied by Attack).
OFFICES in No. 4, Praya Central (lately occupied by Messrs. Gilman & Co.).
No. 3, PEDDER'S HILL.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1892.

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FLOORS in Blue Buildings.
OFFICES—Second Floor, Praya Central (lately occupied by Messrs. Dunn, Melby & Co.).
GODOWN, (under Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co.'s Office).
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SEMI-DETACHED HOUSES at Magazine Gap. Very cheap Rental.

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No. 10, OLD BAILEY STREET.
A SMALL OFFICE No. 17C, Praya Central.
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1892.

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To be Let.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

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R. L'VALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1892.

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TO LET.

HOUSES in KNOTTSFORD TERRACE, Kow-

loon.
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Hongkong, 11th November, 1892.

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WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.

THE Large Handsome SHOP, No. 14, Queen's Road Central, lately occupied by Dakin Bros. of China, Limited.
Two Large AIRY ROOMS on the Top Floor of above.
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To San Francisco, Vancouver, Victoria, Esquimaux, New Westminster, Port Townsend, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, O.....\$225.00

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Hongkong, 21st December 1892.

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Hongkong, 2nd August, 1892.

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